

### State of Utah

# Department of Natural Resources

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# Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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	es Present During the Inspection:
	Mike Davis
OGM	Pete Hess Environmental Scientist III

# **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:	C0410002		
Inspection Type:	COMPLETE		
Inspection Date:	Wednesday, March 07, 2007		
Start Date/Time:	3/7/2007 10:05:00 AM		
End Date/Time:	3/7/2007 2:10:00 PM		
Last Inspection:	Thursday, February 15, 2007		

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: <u>Sunny, warm; 40's to 50's F.</u> InspectionID Report Number: 1232

Types of Operations

Reprocessing

Accepted by: whedberg

Permitee: CANYON FUEL COMPANY LLC Operator: CANYON FUEL COMPANY LLC

Site: SUFCO MINE

Address: 397 S 800 W, SALINA UT 84654

County: SEVIER

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

#### **Current Acreages**

Total Permitted	26,766.95	
Total Disturbed	27.36	
Phase I		
Phase II		
Phase III		

#### Mineral Ownership

Other

✓ Federal
✓ Underground

✓ State
Surface

County
Loadout

Fee
Processing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The Permittee has inserted most of the surface and ground water monitoring information for the fourth quarter of 2006 into the Division electronic database "pipeline". The analysis of that data is currently ongoing, prior to the required "OK to upload" notification which is sent by the Permittee to the Division. Thus, the Permittee continues to meet the Special Permit Condition which is contained in Attachment "A" of the current State permit.

There are no pending compliance actions for the SUFCO Mine permit area.

Inspector's Signature:

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Inspector ID Number: 46

Date

Thursday, March 08, 2007

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, PO Box 145801, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

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# REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
  - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	✓		$\checkmark$	
2.	Signs and Markers	<b>✓</b>			
3.	Topsoil	<b>V</b>			
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<b>V</b>			
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<b>V</b>		<b>V</b>	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	✓			
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	✓		<b>✓</b>	
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	✓			
5.	Explosives	<b>✓</b>			
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches		V		
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	<b>V</b>		<b>V</b>	
8.	Noncoal Waste	<b>V</b>			
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	<b>✓</b>		<b>V</b>	
10.	Slides and Other Damage		<b>V</b>		
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation		<b>✓</b>		
12.	Backfilling And Grading		✓		
13.	Revegetation		<b>V</b>		
14.	Subsidence Control	✓		✓	
15.	Cessation of Operations		✓		
16.a	Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<b>~</b>			
16.Ł	Roads: Drainage Controls	<b>~</b>			
17.	Other Transportation Facilities	✓			
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<b>V</b>		<b>V</b>	
19.	AVS Check	✓		<b>V</b>	
20.	Air Quality Permit	<b>V</b>			
21.	Bonding and Insurance	V			
22.	Other				

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#### 1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The Permittee submitted a Permit renewal application to the DOGM on January 18, 2007. The DOGM notified the Permittee on January 29, 2007 that the application had been determined to be administratively complete. The current State permit will expire on May 20, 2007. The Permittee recently submitted (February 20) an application to the Division (Task ID #2756) for a Lease Area Relinquishment. Mr. Davis indicated that this lease area has not been undermined, as it is adjacent to the sand channel in the north end of the Pines Tract.

#### 4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The Permittee conducted the fourth quarter 2006 impoundment inspections for the Mine site sediment pond and the waste rock site sediment pond(s) on December 27, 2006. There were no signs of instability or other hazardous conditions noted during the Permittee's inspection. Similarly, there were no issues noted during today's inspection. The Mine site pond continues to receive water from the operational pad area. Much of the snow on the waste rock pile has melted; the waste rock ponds contain this melt water.

# 4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

The Permittee submitted a mitigation plan for the North Water Spring and Joes Mill Pond area to the Division on January 26, 2007. The USFS and the Emery Water Users have also received this document. There was no flow observed in Link Canyon Creek this day. Any snow melt which is occurring appears to be absorbed directly into the soils.

# 7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

The fourth quarter 2006 waste rock pile inspection for the SUFCO site was conducted on December 27, 2006. There were no signs of structural weakness, or other hazards noted by the Permittee's qualified representative. Lift thicknesses are established at 18 to 22 inches. Noncoal waste was not visible in the current lift, which had been spread and compacted. The current lift is very close to maximum height. Mr. Davis anticipates beginning construction on the new lift in the spring, or as soon as the soil moisture conditions improve. Mr. John Byers, P.E., and Manager of Tech Services for the Permittee certified the fourth quarter inspection report on December 27, 2006. There were no compliance issues noted during today's DOGM inspection.

#### 9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues

The Permittee intends to conduct the 2007 raptor survey during May.

#### 14. Subsidence Control

Mr. Davis is working on the 2006 Annual Report for the SUFCO Mine, which will contain the annual subsidence report prepared by Mr. Jon Black. Annual reports are normally required by March 31.

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#### 18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations

The Permittee continues to work on the retrofitting / upgrading of the main electrical substation. The Link Canyon facilities were accessible this day. No compliance issues were noted.

### 19. AVS Check

The Permittee (via Ms. Vicky Miller, Environmetal Specialist for CFC @ Dugout Canyon Mine) recently submitted revised and updated Chapter One, Ownership and Control information for all of the Canyon Fuel Company sites (Task ID #2747). The Division approved this revised and updated information on February 22, 2007.